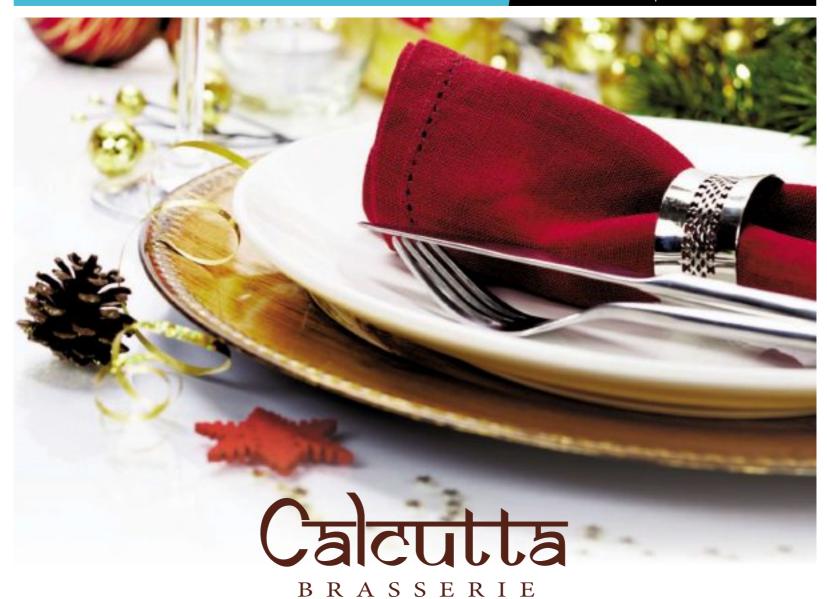
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#### BY SCOTT KIRK

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THE driverless pods were unveiled yesterday with vehicles expected on our streets by the middle of next year.

It was the culmination of a project

Great pod-tential: The driverless pods on the streets of Milton Keynes

spanning three years by the government's Transport Systems Catapult, which is based in the city, and Milton Keynes Council. Around 40 driverless pods are

Around 40 driverless pods are expected in Milton Keynes by 2018, the first of which are scheduled by the middle of next year after more testing takes place.

The pods were on display around Milton Keynes Central railway station yesterday, which was the first demonstration to take place with members of the public present.

A rigorous testing procedure has



taken place over the past few years and Neil Fulton, programme director at the Transport Systems Catapult, was proud to see the vehicles in the city in front of media from around the world.

"This has been about the first trial of a driverless vehicle in a public space," he said. "When I went to one of the pre-trials a woman was on her phone walking and didn't notice the pod, and it stopped for her, which was a textbook scenario which we had been practising for.

"This is an innovative and ambitious city and it wants to take on this kind of futuristic transport."

the pods in action at onemk.co.uk

As well as the driverless pods, the UK Autodrive project, which Milton Keynes Council is a huge part of, will also see around a dozen driverless cars tested in the city next year from some of the biggest car companies in the world, including Ford, Jaguar and Land Rover.

It means that Milton Keynes is at

It means that Milton Keynes is at the forefront of developing new methods of transportation. Brian Matthews, MK Council's

Brian Matthews, MK Council's head of transport innovation, said: "It's huge for the city and we need to think about how transport will

to think about how transport will serve the community in the future. "This sort of project gives us another string to our bow in Milton Keynes in looking at how the city

another string to our bow in Milton Keynes in looking at how the city can progress and not fall into the trap of getting clogged up with congestion."



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around Cosgrove Hall on Friday

More than 50 firefighters

Nobody was injured but the cause is still being investigated.

Crews were called to the fire. near to the Milton Keynes border, at around 2pm.
All roads leading into Cosgrove

village from the A508 were closed by police, while the firefighters

attended the scene. At 5pm. images showed the roof and upper level of the private eight-bed house, which is Grade II

listed, engulfed in flames. But by 5.30pm - when the fire was finally put out - the whole hall had been gutted.

### **Fourth most** hacked city

BY SCOTT KIRK

MILTON Keynes is the fourth most hacked city in the United Kingdom, according to new research.

Norton, the I.T company owned by Symantec, revealed which cities unwittingly played host to the most 'zombies', also known as 'bot'-infected devices, such as PCs, Macs, smartphones, tablets and connected home devices.

Remotely controlled by cybercriminals around the world, these infected devices are used to carry out attacks which aim to take down a company's website, send spam, perpetrate clickfraud and many other acts of cyber-crime, often unbeknownst to the device's owner.

Available for hire in specialised

forums and on the dark web, the largest botnets can connect millions of internet-enabled devices.

The UK was the seventh most bot-infected country.
"The size of a bot population can

depend on many factors, but markets and cities where there has been a recent uptick in high-speed, internet connected devices certainly creates new, lucrative sources of bandwidth for cybercriminals to compromise," said Nick Shaw, vice president and

general manager at Norton.

"But it's not just infected PCs that are providing criminals with their robot

"We've recently seen criminals making increasing use of mobile and home connected devices, or the Internet of Things (IoT), and Macs to strengthen their botnet ranks."

and Saturday after a fire gutted the 18th century building.

tackled the large blaze at the country mansion in South Northamptonshire.

#### Former tenant fined for sub-letting his council flat

A FORMER Milton Keynes council tenant has been ordered to pay back more than £1,000 after being caught fraudulently sub-letting his flat.

Thomas Mann, 46, formerly of Serpentine Court, Bletchley, appeared before city magistrates where he pleaded guilty under the Fraud Act 2006.

He was given a compensation order of £910 and ordered to repay costs of £500, a total of

The matter was investigated

Milton Keynes Council that Mann was illegally sub-letting his council property. A council investigator established that Mann was no longer living at the property, but had taken deposits and rent payments via his bank account from a sub-tenant.

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### Store's burgled for second time



Devastated: A member of staff is pictured outside the store which has been burgled twice this year

BY SCOTT KIRK

A SHOP has been burgled for the second time this year.
The Great Linford

Convenience Store in St Leger Drive, Great Linford, was targeted by thieves in a raid on Thursday night which saw thousands of pounds worth of items stolen, including cigarettes and spirits.
In April the shop was burgled when thieves came in

through the roof.

A spokesman from Thames Valley Police confirmed that the burglary occurred at around 11.45pm.

Three offenders forced open metal shutters and then broke a pane of glass to enter the

The burglars then stole the items, placing them into a bag, and fled the scene.

CCTV is being reviewed, and house to house enquiries are being reputated.

being conducted.

Owner of the family-run store Perathepan Natkunam said the future looks bleak and he has warned other shop owners to take care of their businesses.

"This is a nightmare," said Mr Natkunam.

"It's going to be hard for us to survive and I don't know

how we can keep this up. "Everyone is trying their best to find who did it but for me it has happened already and I don't want someone else to have to go through this sort of thing.
"It looks really dark for us in

the future.
"We have had to borrow

money from friends and family to survive and it's happened again."

It is believed that a different group of people is responsible on this occasion compared to the incident in April.

Anyone with information about the latest break-in should call police on 101.

### Police confirm clown sightings

#### oneMK briefs **Assault arrest**

A 20-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested on suspicion of sexual assault after an attack on an 82-year-old woman in Bletchley on Friday, September 30. He has been released on police bail until Friday, October 21

#### **MK50** celebrations

A CALENDAR of events has been released showing what is happening to celebrate Milton Keynes' 50th birthday next year. For information go to our website: **onemk. co.uk** 

#### **Dragonfly spotted**

THE first-ever sighting of a rare Willow Emerald damselfly in Buckinghamshire was recorded at Tattenhoe Valley Park. It was spotted at a pond by one of The Parks Trust's volunteers. Read more at onemk.co.uk

THE 'Killer Clown' craze reached Milton Keynes at the weekend - as 14 incidents of people being intimidated or frightened by others dressed as circus clowns were reported in the Thames Valley area.

Chief Supt Andy Boyd, head of neighbourhood policing at Thames Valley Police, said: "While we do not want to be accused of stopping people

enjoying themselves, we would also ask those same people to think of the impact of their behaviour on others and themselves.

"Their actions can cause fear and anxiety to other people -this could be perceived to be intimidating and threatening, which could lead to public order offences, arrest and a criminal record."

#### **Woman spat on during row**

A GOOD samaritan was racially abused and spat on as she tried to break up an argument. Between 5.30pm and 5.40pm

on Sunday, October 2 there was a row between a man and woman at the bus stop (B3) in Midsummer Boulevard.

The victim, a 26-year-old woman, intervened. The woman pulled the victim's phone out of her hand and threw it on the floor. The man directed racial abuse at the victim and spat in her face

The woman offender is white. around 5ft 3in, in her midforties, of medium build with brown hair tied back. She was wearing a white fluffy woolly coat and black jeans. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

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### Remember heroes

ONCE again this year on November 11 at 11am, people all across Milton Keynes and the nation will stop for two minutes to mark the moment 97 years ago when the guns fell silent in the First World War.

Since that time the day has become a poignant time to remember people who have fallen in that and subsequent conflicts.

The Royal British Legion, which does so much for those currently serving in the armed forces ex-service men and women and their families, will, over the coming weeks, be doing a great deal to raise the profile and funds,

including selling poppies.

The poppy was the first plant to spring to life on the battlefields at the end of the First World War and were noted by the Canadian doctor John McCrae, who penned one of the most famous wartime poems after witnessing the sight of poppies on the battlefields of Flanders in 1915:

"In Flanders fields poppies blow Between the crosses, row on

Since that time the poppy has been synonymous with fallen soldiers and is used worldwide as a demonstration of respect to men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

On Remembrance Sunday (November 13), across the whole country, wreaths will be laid at memorials to the fallen, including in Milton Keynes

Hayley J Evans: You don't seem to

Cheryl Martin: Wolverton, we have

get community spirit in Milton Keynes.

The city has many local centres with memorials where dignitaries, veterans, serving soldiers and ordinary people alike will meet to

pay their respects.
The Milton Keynes mayoralty will be represented at events in Wolverton, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, New Bradwell and Stony Stratford.

If you see poppies for sale, I would encourage you to make a donation and wear a poppy with pride to honour and support the brave men, women and their families who have sacrificed so much to defend the freedoms we

all enjoy. Clir Steve Coventry Mayor of Milton Keynes

#### It's such a waste

I WRITE with concern at vet another project where MK Council

has managed to widely overspend. The story about the £9million of taxpayers' money wasted (how ironic!) on the waste recovery site project is so telling of a cabinet that have failed time after time to get to grips with the council's

budget.
They keep telling us times are hard and that savings need to be made.

Well £9m is about what it costs to collect bin waste every year, just wasted. We can't afford mistakes on this scale.

The new waste recovery centre was and I still believe will be an

shed loads of community spirit!!

helps and supports everyone else

Various get togethers for events such as lantern festival etc. . . everyone

exciting development for MK but the council has a lot of explaining to do.

Alex Walker **Shadow Environmental Spokesperson** 

#### What is that smell?

AS I walked to and from my flat to the Lovat Fields Village fover. through the winter gardens, I noticed that instead of a breath of fresh air, my lungs were accosted

by a distinctly sulphur odour.
I'm not sure which way the wind was blowing, but where does this stench originate?

I have noticed the smell for the past three weeks. Has anyone else noticed it?

**David Freeman** Milton Kevnes

#### Case of misdiagnosis?

ARE you aware that people who suffer from thyroid problems are apt to behave differently and suffer from mood and behavioural problems?

These people have, on several occasions, been misdiagnosed as having mental illness.

If you consult with any doctor, or better still a thyroid specialist, you will find out that what I write is in fact true.

How many people I wonder have ended up in mental health institutions unnecessarily? Edith Johnson

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members, are represented. The Business Council, in conjunction with Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce. will culminate with the launch of a Business Manifesto which will be the Chamber's flagship policy and lobbying document when engaging with local authorities and MPs, as well as assisting our colleagues at the British Chambers of Commerce who tirelessly lobby central Gover-nment on behalf of Chambers across the UK. The inaugural Business

Council will take place on Monday, November 14 at Northamptonshire Chamber offices, Waterside Way, Northampton. For information contact Simon Dishman on 01908 547820 or email simon. dishman@chambermk.co.uk





orderly queue with their trollies as a new Asda opened its doors on Monday.

The Oakridge Park supermarket is the third store from the Leeds based American chain to come to the city.

Mayor Steve Coventry and MP Mark Lancaster helped to cut the ribbon.

### Our economy keeps rising

MILTON Keynes' economy performed strongly in the second quarter of 2016 with a new study revealing that it was the second fastest growing in the country in growing in the country in terms of economic output and employment growth. Law firm Irwin Mitchell's latest UK Powerhouse report,

which has been produced with the Centre for Economic and Business Research (Cebr), shows the city recorded a 2.7 per cent

in output in Q2 2016. The report, which attributed the city's growth to its relatively high share of service and knowledge-based industries, valued the city's economy at £10.3billion and placed it in second place according to employment growth with a

3.4 per cent annual increase. It also predicts that the economy of Milton Keynes will grow by 19.1 per cent over the next ten years making it the sixth fastest in the study - and that the

number of people employed will go up by 3.7 per cent.
Niall Baker, chief executive

of Irwin Mitchell's Business Legal Services team, said: "Like many other cities across the UK, the economy in Milton Keynes performed strongly in the second quarter of 2016. The political landscape remains very uncertain and all eyes will no doubt be on how our city economies performed in the three months after the referendum result.

### **Battle against** homes goes on

**BY SUE WEBB** 

RESIDENTS of a quiet development have been devastated by a decision to allow 39 houses to be built at the end of their road. Milton Keynes Council last

week agreed Lodge Farm Estates' plan to build the homes at the end of Penn Road in Fenny Stratford - at the third time of asking and despite no changes being made to the re-submitted

application.
Rosemary Smith, of Penn
Road Residents' Association, declared: "We are not giving up now. It was absolutely

farcical. We are trying to get them to take it to public enquiry, but we need the support of five councillors.

"If this doesn't happen, we can still take it to the Secretary of State and possibly the Local Government Ombudsman. We are certainly taking advice to take this further.'

Lodge Farm Estates' first application was rejected by the council because the width of Penn Road - the access road was inadequate; there was a reduction in the proportion of social housing to 21 per cent (Milton Keynes plan criteria is 30 per cent), there was no Section 106 paperwork in place and the amount of houses exceeded the capacity of the site.

Despite this, the same application was given the go-ahead by Milton Keynes Council's development committee on Thursday.

"We have been fighting this for five years," said Mrs Smith. 'It's a tiny little road and they think they can get in here with big lorries - we don't think so! They need to find another entrance - we know there is one around the back of the hotel."

The agreement also means residents lose their 'village square' which has been used for celebrations and charity fundraising.

### Step closer to winning a car

**DAN Evans from Bletchley** was the latest person to unlock the safe that will give him a chance of winning a brand new Suzuki car.

He picked up one of 10 golden keys that were hidden around the city last week, with two a day continuing to be spread around Milton

Keynes every weekday. Every Saturday people who

collect the golden keys will have the opportunity to use a combination that is on them to open a safe at intu Milton Keynes to be in with a one in 10 chance of winning the £7,000 Suzuki on Black

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Dan joins Tom Hicks, 23, from Middleton, who won the key last time, and there will be another chance on Saturday to move one step

closer to winning the car.

An appeal was made for Mr Evans to come forward after the safe didn't open for the other key holders on Saturday - but he collected his prize on Sunday.



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#### Artist Zoe is spraying a splash of colour

STONY Stratford resident Zoe Maslen has been hard at work painting a new mural for the town. Zoe, a bespoke art installation designer who

works in east London, has

volunteered her services to brighten the walls at the junction of Horsefair Green and London Road.

A graduate of fine art from Oxford Brookes

in storytelling artwork that evolves from the narrative, personality or history of a space. Classically trained as a painter, Zoe has been shortlisted for the Jerwood

### Footbridge fear in crossing pla

BY SCOTT KIRK

COUNCILLOR expressed concerns over building a footbridge across one of the city's busiest roads.

Milton Keynes Council's cabinet was due to discuss a proposal last night about the possibility of building a foot-bridge in Watling Street at the intersection with Millers Way.

There is also a possibility of building an underpass on the same street at the intersection with Barrosa Way in

Whitehouse.
Those are the two recom-

mended options that were put before councillors, although options included footbridges at both locations and the same for underpass-

while Cllr Robin Bradburn, whose ward includes where the crossings could go, accepts that something needs to be done to



improve safety on this busy road, he would prefer under-passes to be built in both

'I'm not overly keen on footbridges because one of the big problems is that it takes people miles away from the road to cross," said Cllr Bradburn.

"The temptation is there to cross the road rather than use the footbridge.

"Whatever happens it will need to go to consultation and that needs to be as extensive as possible.

There has to be something there rather than nothing.

#### Aston Martin decision deferred

A DECISION on building houses on the former Aston Martin site in Newport

Pagnell has been deferred. The planning application put forward by Redrow Homes South Midlands is to build 86 houses and 72 car

parking spaces. It was discussed at Milton Kevnes Council's development control committee on Thursday night.

The decision, which had been recommended for approval, was deferred in order to agree the Section 106 contributions and seek improvements to the design

of the dwellings.

The application is expected to come back before the committee between November and January.

#### **Logged on to celebrate online success**

THE Milton Keynes Digital Awards (MKDAs) take place at the Jury's Inn in CMK tomorrow night.

As well as OneMK the awards are being supported by Milton Keynes Council, Invest MK, Capricorn Media,

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Robin Bailey, chairman of the judging panel and host,

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### 'Valuable asset' should be saved

**BY SUE WEBB** 

CONSERVATIVE councillors have objected to a proposal to dispose of an empty council property which needs repairs.

The one-bedroom semidetached bungalow in Bryan's Crescent, North Crawley, has structural problems with its floor which will cost £25,000 to fix. But Conservative housing spokesman, Cllr Hiten

Ganatra, believes it would be a better option to repair the home when compared with the cost of housing homeless families in bed and breakfast accommodation. Cllr Ganatra said: "I have

written to Cllr [Nigel] Long opposing this disposal. Bed and breakfast placements in a cheap hotel cost £1,000 a month, so this investment of £25,000 would be recouped in under two years and the council would still own a

think about the opportunity wasted to house a homeless family, this decision is even more bizarre."

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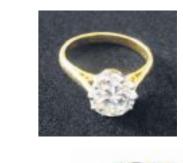
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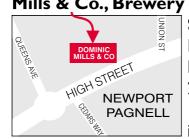








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# YMCA hoping to stop the stigma

BY SCOTT KIRK

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THE Milton Keynes YMCA is supporting a national campaign to improve awareness of mental health and homelessness.

Both issues are hugely relevant to YMCA Milton Keynes which supports hundreds of young people who have experienced homelessness each year. Many of these young people also experience mental health issues.

Chief executive of YMCA Milton Keynes, Simon Green said: "The experience of homelessness can affect mental health and mental health concerns can also lead to homelessness. Both issues can be stigmatised but are nothing to be ashamed of. We support many young people who suffer with these problems but services are inadequate and resources are reducing"

reducing."
National YMCA research reveals more than one in three young people with mental health difficulties experience stigma.

experience stigma. Ricky Oates, who is formerly



On hand: Campaigner Ricky Oates, YMCA MK resident activities manager Cloe Markevics and its chief executive Simon Green

homeless and a mental health service user, and who lived at YMCA Milton Keynes for 14 months, has experienced this stigma first hand.

stigma first hand.
He said: "People say horrible things but while at YMCA Milton Keynes I felt safe and didn't have to worry about stigma around my mental health problems."

YMCA Milton Keynes is also supporting a major new mental health awareness campaign #IAMWHOLE - an anti-stigma project run by the NHS in partnership with YMCA.

The aim is to challenge harmful language used to describe mental health difficulties and ask for help from friends, parents, teachers, GPs or youth workers.

It also wants people to show backing for the #IAMWHOLE movement on social media by posting 'circle on hand' selfies in support of the antistigma message.



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What makes matters worse is that investment performance of these schemes is terrible because their investment strategies are too cautious. The largest investment of final salary pension schemes is fixed interest stock at 38% of the average scheme's assets. Such stock is forecast to produce zero returns over the next 10 years!

Added to the bad news is the litany of schemes with huge deficits such as BHS at £571m. Tata Steel £485m, Tesco £3.9bn and BT £5.9bn. Many companies have business models that are under threat through disruption. BHS and Tata Steel will not be the last of these troubled companies.

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Bearing in mind the new Pension Freedom rules introduced in April 2015 which offer people the ability to

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### Prison life is all in a

BY SCOTT KIRK

WHEN you think of prison, most people think about how it is portrayed in televi-sion programmes such as Porridge or Prison Break, but the reality is far differ-

OneMK was given exclusive access to Woodhill Prison on Friday as we met some of the staff that help keep society safe. And rather than it being about just locking up prison-



Advice: Operational support grade officer Malcolm Rogers

ers, the amount of work the staff do with the people who are behind bars is incredible.

Malcolm Rogers, who used to be on the wings but now works on the gatehouse, tells prisoners that they should treat their time in jail as an

opportunity.
"While you're here, try to make sure you get out of this place with a profit," Malcolm, 65, tells prisoners.
"Some people can get out of

here having done really well with their education or whatever else they may do." Woodhill Prison has been

in the news a lot over the past year or so following a spate of hangings, and staff admitted that any death hits them all hard. But they also say that they have saved a lot of lives as well.

Shanice Jimenez, 20, works in operational support at Woodhill, and she says it is tough when deaths occur.

"The good things are things that don't get recognised and staff save lives. Everyone is working together to make a difference and it's easy to knock the prison.

"Even if you just have 20 seconds with them that matters and it might be making all the difference. It's awful when you have spent your time with them and that has an effect on staff as much as it does other people."

Malcolm added "If you have been working with someone when they've got a problem when they ve got a problem and something happens it feels like you've been hit over the head with a mallet.

"You question yourself and

ask 'what could I have done?'"

Nicky Marfleet, the deputy governor at Woodhill, added:
"Nobody is harder on
ourselves than us.
"There is no one answer

and with deaths it absolutely

what is striking is the camaraderie that exists among staff and it is something Malcolm enjoyed so much that it brought him back after retiring. back after retiring.
"I didn't want to leave and I

love it here.

"The job is demanding at times but we also have a great deal of support from each other."

Shanice works a week of nights, which is from 8.45pm until 7.45am, and then has a week off.
She says this suits her right

down to the ground as she is a keen footballer.

It's why Nicky believes that a career in the prison service is a massive benefit to

people.

"This is a vocation, I love it and I think I can make a



### day's work for staff



Career ladder: Deputy governer Nicola Marfleet says working in the prison service is a vocation

difference," said the

deputy governor.
"I absolutely love this job and I think it's the best career out there.

"It is such a good life experience because you will learn resilience and skills for your own life. because if they lose their temper out there they can be out of a job.

"You're dealing with the toughest spectrum of society all the time."



Team work: Operational support grade officer Shanice Jimenez



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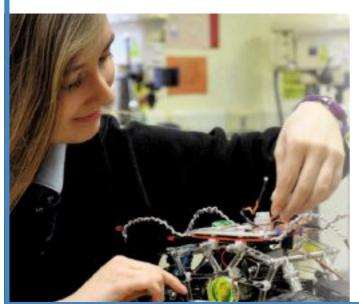
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### Game is set to hit cricket fans for six

#### BY CIARAN THOMAS

A CRICKETING craze that has been taking the world by storm for more than 30 years arrived in Milton Keynes as Bletchley Leisure Centre launched its new tapeball sessions.

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millions across Asia, being a key part of the development of many Pakistan internationals, and has been growing in popularity in the UK.

The sessions, which are open to youngsters aged 12 to

16 and are run with coaches

from the Bucks Cricket Board, started at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Sunday.

Chris Bryden, sports development manager at the centre, said: "Pakistan is a cricket crazy country. This faster, flexible, indoor version of the game is not just enormous fun but great for developing technique too."

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### Community spirit is key in new estates

BY SCOTT KIRK

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AN MP believes more can be done to help people who have housing issues.

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, visited Oakridge Park on Friday morning along with repre-sentatives from the housing association BPHA which looks after hundreds of properties in the city.

They went around the estate trying to help residents with any issues they might have, which may include problems with other tenants, rubbish and tidying of communal

And Mr Lancaster believes what BPHA is doing is of huge benefit to the community and could be replicated across

Milton Keynes.

He said: "In an expanding community like Milton Keynes a proactive approach like this to engage with residents and make them feel part of the community is something which has got to

be right.
"In a new city we need to foster a sense of community



and help make people feel welcome and it is reinforcing the positive fabric of our

"With a sense of community

"With a sense of community estates get looked after better and quality of life is better.
"Anything we can do to break down barriers has got to be a good thing and I'm viewing what BPHA do as an argument of best practice that example of best practice that landlords should be encouraging to happen elsewhere in Milton Keynes."

BPHA aims to get out around three or four times a year to communities such Oakridge Park

The organisation believes that fostering a community spirit in new housing developments is vital to the success of the city in the future.

BPHA housing officer Steve Parsons said: "These walk-abouts are a visible presence if people want to come out and tell us about any issues."





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In tribute, Det Con Greg Hughes said: "Joe was so determined to learn and it was always a pleasure to answer any question he had and give him pointers. He quickly became a driven investigator, triving to get results. He leads striving to get results. He loved what he did and was proud to be doing his job.
"Det Con Mabuto impressed

everyone that came into contact with him. His beaming smile, positive attitude and caring nature are traits which will live on and be remembered across the Milton Keynes police family."

PS Rena Galardziak added: "During a time of tension, Joe's knowledge and understanding of a situation was key in resolv-ing and returning peace to the area; his outstanding work was commended by the area commander and I know Joe



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was extremely proud of this

work and his recognition."

A Thames Valley Police spokesperson added: "Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe's wife, children, mother and siblings, as we share the loss of this iconic and gentle

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Take a seat: Residents at the new park bench in Neath Hill, which is popular with dog walkers and residents on

### Bench sitting pretty

BY SCOTT KIRK

DELIGHTED residents and dog walkers on a city estate are rejoicing after a park

bench was replaced.
The previous bench at the space off Lanthorne Close in Neath Hill was burned down by vandals in August, devas-tating residents in the area.

One child was so upset by the vandalism they drew a sad face in chalk on the rubber play surface and wrote: "It's really sad that someone set fire to our lovely bench."

places on the estate where dog walkers and older people could take a rest while out

walking.

But after reading the story
by OneMK, The Potter's

House Christian Fellowship Church in Great Linford donated a new bench, which was installed by Lanthorne Close resident John Buckley.

has also installed in the area to deter vandals.

Pauline Dempster, who lives in Lanthorne Close and uses

walking her dog, said she was 'delighted' a solution had been found.

She said: "It has been fantastic to have support from the community about the bench and

I'm glad it has been finally sorted. We can all come together in the evening and enjoy a friendly natter again.

Selfless John, who is one of Pauline's neighbours, said: "I decided to put the bench together and fit it for Pauline as I know it means a lot to her."

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BLACK male, seeks constructive, ambitious black female, 35-50, size 12-14 for nights out, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 377811

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MALE 62 young looking, kind hearted, interests cooking, garden-ing, sport looking for LTR. Text only Mailbox: 4631948

No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 388372 RICHARD, 39, tall, blue eyes, black hair, likes gardening, jigsaws, long walks, animals, socialising, looking to meet a female for friendship initially and see where it leads to. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423499 ft

RYAN, spontaneous, GSOH, tactile seeks pretty lady friend/LTR. Cambs area. Text only Mailbox: 4886067

MALE, 56, kind-hearted would like to meet female early or late 50s. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

CHRISTIAN gent, friendly and bub-bly, goes to church every Sunday, hobbies include motor sports, cy-cling, playing snooker/darts, taking my dog for a walk, WLTM friendly and outgoing lady. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423279

MALE wishes to meet female, early to late 50s for nights in and nights out. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

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YOUNG 22yr professional, outgoing, attractive blonde looking for a serious guy for country walks and maybe more. Text only Mailbox: 5531676 GEORGINA, 31, all dressed up with nowhere to go. Gorgeous blue eyed brunette nurse, looking for a nice guy to take me out. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423631 🗒

DEBBIE dark haired passionate classy, discreet female looking for professional intelligent male wanting mutual companionship. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 380441 🗒

VALERIE, curvy young widow loves dancing, nights out, but would prefer cosy nights in with that special male. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423491 🗒

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HI I'm Pam, slim, blonde, green eyes, discreet, loves cuddles, seeking similar discreet tactile male for mutual friendship with benefits. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 378499

I am a white caring lady, a young 55. seeking a caring black man for meals out, pubs, walking out, or just cosy nights in. Text only Mailbox: 5518879

TRACY 44, outgoing bubbly brunette, likes to keep fit seeks outgoing, sporty male who knows how to enjoy life too. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423303 DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks fe-male with GSOH and genuine. Tel

BLACK kind, faithful, loving, affectionate 47yr old, seeks white, warm, voluptuous female for loving, laugh-ter and beautiful loving relationship. London. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box

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The story is about ten-year-old Gracie Jenkins, who lives on Bryher, a small island off the west-ern coast of Britain in 1914.

Gracie's father warns her to 'keep away from

Gracie's later of the Birdman'.

The Birdman lives alone in a cottage that stands all by itself on a hill in the south part of the island but he used to live on Samson Island, the island but he used to live on it. which people say has a curse on it. Gracie and her friend Daniel have a fleet of toy

where they usually sail them is taken over by bad-tempered swans, Daniel talks Gracie into going with him to a cove near the Birdman's

cottage.
She's scared, but she finally agrees and they end up stranded on The Birdman's tiny island

They begin to unravel his secrets, the villagers fears and superstitions and learn why the whales

The play, which starts at 1.30pm, is suitable for those aged seven and over. Tickets cost £11.50 (group discounts available). Visit

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REGULARS at MKII in Kiln Farm are in for a treat on Friday as the very unique sound of The Hallows comes to the city.

Their enchanting concoction of Kate Bush, Muse, Portishead and Tori Amos, with their own individual dreamy essence thrown in, results in the group's eclectic

The three-piece band formed in London in 2012, consisting of Sarah Rodriguez (vocals/keys/synths), Joe Rodriguez (drums) and Dave Pugh (bass), create punchy atmospheric pop with a big sound.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £5 in advance from www.tickets.com



JAMES Frost, managing director at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands, gives readers his top tips for

THE grow your own garden is busy in October with the harvesting of fruit and vegetables to store for the winter months.

Pumpkins are very popular this month for making soups and pies, as well as great decorations.

Spring cabbage can be planted ready to harvest in the new year. Crowns of rhubarb can be lifted, divided and replanted if they are very old clumps losing vigour.

Spring bedding can now be planted for a bright colourful show early in the new year. Wallflowers are generally found for sale bare-root and should be put in straight away about six inches apart.

For added interest under plant these bedding plants with spring bulbs, there are many types of tulip and narcissus to give height and colour to your display.

Once the first frost has come on the dahlia and canna, these can then be lifted and stored in a dry frost free location until

planting out next year.

October is normally the last chance to cut the lawn and trim any evergreen hedges before the winter months

Lawns can be renovated via raking and aerating them to avoid compaction, feed with a low nitrogen granular autumn feed to strengthen them for winter. New lawns can also be created using either seed or turf this month.

Before winter takes hold trim back any cottage garden perennials that have finished and died back, as well as taking the top third/quarter off your rose bushes to stop them rocking around in the winter months

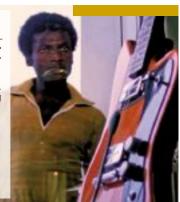
#### fridayfilm

THIS week's Friday night film at MK Gallery - The Harder They Come - is the classic story of the high price paid for

Ivan Martin is reggae legend Jimmy Cliff, a wannabe singer who leaves his rural village to go to Jamaica's capital Kingston. But he comes a cropper, first mugged of all

he owns, then beset by unscrupulous record producers. Set against a backdrop of real Jamaican locations, this story of success by any means necessary ranks alongside Scarface as one of the best crime films about urban living. It features a soundtrack with music by Jimmy Cliff, Desmond Dekker, The Slickers and Toots and the Maytals, making it a deserved cult classic with a gritty, authentic edge.

Starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5 at mkgallery.org





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ORION may be a very large elephant but he is scared of more or less everything.

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#### purrfectshow

ANDREW Lloyd Webber's recordbreaking 2015 Olivier award nominated musical Cats returns to Milton Keynes Theatre for one week only from Monday, October

On just one special night of the vear, all Jellicle cats meet at the Jellicle Ball where Old Deuteronomy, their wise and benevolent leader, makes the Jellicle choice and announces which of them will go up to The Heaviside Layer and be reborn into a whole new Jellicle life.

One of the longest-running shows in the West End and on Broadway, Cats received its world premiere at the New London Theatre in 1981 where it played for 21 record-breaking years and almost 9,000

performances.
The classic Lloyd Webber score includes Memory, which has been recorded by more than 150 artists from Barbra Streisand and Johnny Mathis to Liberace and Barry Manilow.

Ticket prices start at £15 and they are available at www.atgtickets.com. Show times very throughout the week.



#### **brilliant**bard

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in Stony Stratford comes at the perfect time as celebrations are held across the world to mark 400 years since the death of the Bard. It takes place on Saturday at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 (concessions £8) from York House, Buskers in Wolverton and on the door.

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#### **musical** magic

PURE Imagination is a show in aid of Willen Hospice with a cornucopia of the most magical and iconic songs from the world of musical theatre.

The performance at Chrysalis Theatre in Willen tomorrow is produced by David Tyler and Kirsty Morris Selley and promises to take the audience on a journey from Oliver to Sunset Boulevard and from Marv

Poppins to Les Miserables. The cast is made up largely of enthusiastic amateurs from The Spotlight Theatrical School with a smattering of pro's thrown in to lead the way. Tickets are £15 for adults and £10 for children. All

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It's sure to be a ghoulish few weeks filled with pumpkin

scooping (£5.99 per child), the thrilling Hallowe'en Circus (£6.99 per person) and an indulgent Hallowe'en-themed afternoon tea (£22.95 for adults and £10 for children under 14).

To celebrate a half-term full of treats, Frosts is giving two lucky





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To enter log onto www. onemk.co.uk/competitions Alternatively send your answer, name, address and daytime telephone number to OneMK, I Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MKIS ODU by noon on Wednesday, October 19. The editor's decision is final

#### **not**magnificent

#### THE Magnificent Seven is one of those films where unfortunately all the best bits are in the trailer.

I haven't seen the original so I was able to have a neutral view but I was still left a bit disappointed.

I felt Denzel Washington wasn't utilised enough in the film. While he does play the lead role, more could have been made of his back story and the reasons why he wants to help a town that's under the mercy of Batho-Iomew Bogue.

Peter Sarsgaard plays Bogue, but just wasn't that menacing, or great at playing the main bad guy.

On a more positive note, there were a few funny moments in the film and Chris Pratt was very good as Josh Faraday. It was also a return to form for Ethan Hawke as Goodnight Robicheaux.

The scenery is spectacular and the action sequences were pretty good, but I think those who saw the original one of the most iconic films of all time - may cringe a bit at this. \*\*\*

Scott Kirk



#### **home**alone

#### CAN you believe we're almost half way through October already?

We've already been having meetings at Heart about the Keith Emmett and Sons annual funfair and fireworks in Campbell Park on November 6 and Christmas light switch-ons a week later!

On Sunday evening, Milton Keynes Theatre is hosting a really cool 'Singa-Long Grease'.

This screening of one of the all-time classics, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, begins with a vocal warm-up before instructions on how to use the 'magic moments fun packs' are given out.

Fancy dress is strongly encouraged and full audience participation essential!

Finally, how would you like to join us for a very special charity screening of Home Alone II at Cineworld at Xscape next month?
It'll be 20 years since the

film was first released and for a donation of just £5 to Heart's charity - Global's Make Some Noise - you can be there. To book visit heart.co.uk

Tune in to Heart Breakfast with Stuart Miles and Katy Hill on Heart 103 3 FM DAB, at heart.co.uk or via the Heart mobile app.



### **MKlifeHOTPICKS**



funnymen

SCREAMING Blue Murder at The Stables boasts a great line-up on Wednesday, October 19.

Top comedy talent is hosted by Andrew Bird as he introduces Amir Koshsokhan, finalist in English Comedian of the Year in 2015. Topping the bill will be Tom Price, **pictured**, the posh boy from

Monmouth, who will have you rolling in your seats. Tickets cost £10 in advance at the stables org or £12 on the door. Starts at 7.30pm.

#### saycheers

THE Concrete Pint Beer and Cider Festival at The Old Bus Station in CMK gets underway on Wednesday, October 19.

More than 100 beers, including local ales, wil oe available.

The £10 entrance includes festival glass, programme and a starter sheet of beer tokens worth £7.50. The festival is open from 4-11pm on Wednesday and noon to 11pm on other days until October 22



HEAR the sweet smooth jazz sound of nine times Grammy award nominee Dave Koz at The Stables on Sunday.

Appearing alongside him will be Oli Silk on keyboards, Mark James on guitar, Marc Purnell on drums and Frank Felix on

Tickets cost £21.50 from thestables.org and the performance starts at 8pm.



DUB Pistols don't do many shows, but when they do they make them big.

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After several miscarriages and following a diagnosis of telangiectasia, a rare vascular disease, she began to suffer depression and to alleviate this, joined a local writers' group in

Cookson published her first novel, Kate Hannigan, in 1950 aged 44 and went on to write almost a hundred books in total. racking up global sales of more than 123 million books.



After her first two titles had been published, the couple bought a stout but spacious four-bedroom 1930s detached house in St Helen's, an upmarket suburb to the north of the town. It is now for sale at £1.1 million with agent PCM (01424 839111).

They moved in on Guy Fawkes Day, 1954, despite being warned off the property by an agent and set about renovating it, including the garden, which had been used as a dump during the

But as her and her husband's health failed the couple moved back to Catherine's north eastern homeland and a house in Jesmond, Newcastle. She died in 1998 aged 91 followed two weeks later by Tom.

# It's got a kind of muggle magic

his small, brown-bricked house on the market at £475,000 within a quiet cul-de-sac on the outskirts of a south-east commuter town would normally only appeal to young couples looking for an affordable place to start a family.

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fans around the world it is No.4 Privet Drive, the house where the orphaned Harry has to endure his spiteful aunt and uncle, the Dursleys.

The property featured in the first film adaption of JK Rowling's books, 2001's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and was taken over by film makers for two weeks in



One feature mentioned within the property listing that will set Potter fans' hears racing is its cupboard underneath the stairs where, of course, Harry was forced to sleep despite the property having a spare bedroom.

In reality it's a three-bedroom house at 12 Picket Post Close in Martin's Heron just outside Bracknell in Berkshire. It's been refurbished with an upgraded kitchen, new driveway and a remodelled back garden.

If you don't want to pay the asking price for the property, which is for sale via Chancellors then a full-size version of the house is available to look around at the Warner Bros Studio Tour in Watford.

■ More information from www chancellors.co.uk, or call them on 01344 408000.

# R, Bobby,

DO YOU remember when the nation obsessed about who shot JR?

If so you'll have been around during the 1980s and been a fan of US TV series Dallas, the most popular long-running soap opera of the decade

At its peak the programme was watched by 21.5 million people in Britain and 350 million around the world.

Its plot followed the endless feuds between two rival Texas oil families and the show was famous for its cliff hangers, the most notorious of which took place in 1980. An episode in November that year finished with the mysterious shooting of key character J.R. Ewing, played by Larry Hagman.

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But the show was also known for its glamorous mansions in which the two families lived. And one of them is now for sale.

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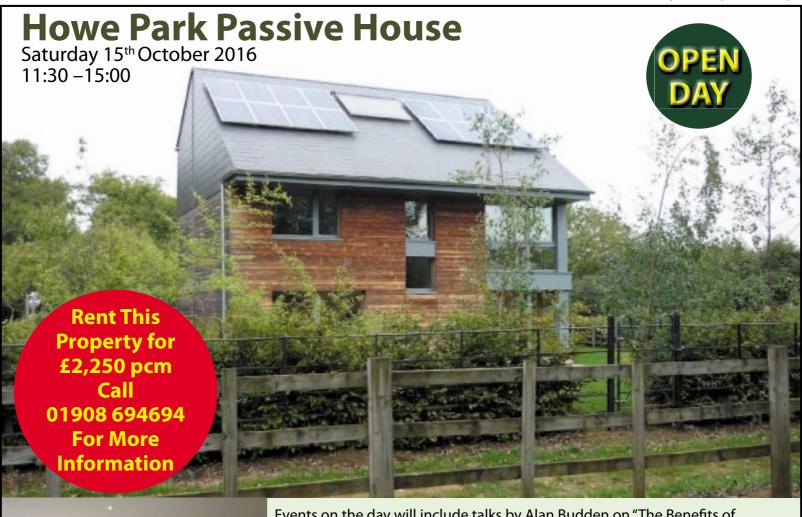
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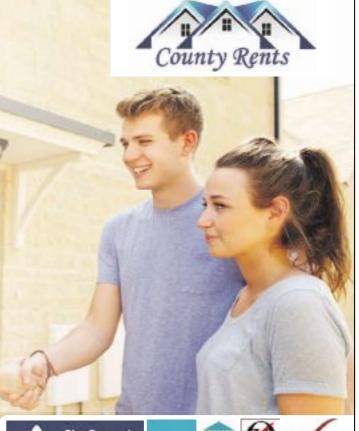
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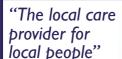
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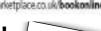
















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## Audi offers new SUV range

**By: Stewart Smith** 



THE brooding good looks of the Black Edition models that have been mainstays of the Audi A4, A5, A6 and A7 Sportback ranges have inspired a new Q3 Black Edition that spearheads a wholesale update of Audi's compact SUV line-up.

The new top flight Q3 and the even better equipped versions that sit below it will become available later this month priced from £26,600, and will reach the

of the year.

At entry level the SE trim level now becomes Sport through the addition of SD navigation as standard and through enhancements that lend an even more purposeful air, including larger front air vents and a body coloured front diffuser.

S line Navigation models become S line Edition by gaining standard

control and the Audi Parking System Plus, and by adopting a new look for the front end, which now incorporates a distinctive horizontal strut spanning its full width, above which are air inlets with more pronounced surrounds and a new diamond-pattern mesh design.

The main attraction in the range is now the Q3 Black Edition, which stavs true to the concept introduced

Replacing the S line plus model, it builds on that version's extensive specification with features such as standard metallic paint, privacy glass from the door pillar rearwards and a Bose sound system upgrade, but its key point of differentiation is a distinctive black treatment for many of its parts.

These start in the cabin with piano black inlays, and continue outside to take in everything from the 19-inch alloy wheels, wheel arch cappings and Single Frame grille surround to the roof rails, rear spoiler and tailpipes, all of which are finished in gloss black.

Under the skin, two TDI diesel and two TFSI petrol engines are available, depending on the chosen specification.

The 1.4-litre TFSI with cylinderon-demand technology brings 150bhp and the option of either manual or S tronic twin-clutch automatic transmission.

It gives the front-wheel-driven Q3 1.4 TFSI a 0-62mph sprint time of as little as 8.9 seconds, but also 51.4mpg capability (manual) based on the combined cycle test.

Above it in the petrol line-up is a 2.0-litre TFSI unit with 180bhp, which can be linked to either manual or S tronic transmission and works with quattro all-wheeldrive without exception.

Forming the diesel contingent are two four-cylinder, 2.0-litre TDIs with outputs of 150bhp and 184bhp. The 150bhp version has the potential to return up to 62.8mpg with a CO2 output of just 117g/km.

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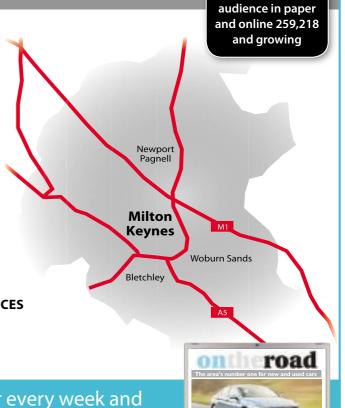
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## Skoda Octavia **Scout Estate By: Peter Keenan**

SKODA faces a tough task with the Octavia Scout

It has to convince bright young things who need a motor practical enough to handle the school run and cool enough to take to the beach or mountaintop, not to choose one of the many SUV crossover models currently more popular than Ant and Dec.

The Czech motor manufacturer's response is a quality offering that can take on the SUV hordes and strike a blow for tradition

For this Scout is no boy, but rather a tough all-action hero featuring four-wheel drive and a raised ride height - giving genuine off-road capability - as well as a cave-like bootspace capable of accommodating the most outward bound of families

The Haldex-5 all-wheel drive system and multi-mode drive control give the estate the tools to live up to its name making it comfortable in the countryside and prepared for anything.

That's not to say it is rough on the road or expensive to run as under normal conditions front-wheel drive is employed - so saving fuel - with the estate civilised to drive both around town and on the motorway despite its rugged appearance.

When conditions worsen though, the clever electronics recognise when grip is being lost and send power to the rear wheels to increase traction with wheelspin kept to a minimum.

The Scout sits more than an inch higher than the nomal Octavia Estate and is fitted with underbody armour and added protection around the wheel arches as well as chunky front and rear skid plates.

Other styling clues to its off-road pretensions include black plastic trim for the sills, bumpers and wheelarches while silver roof rails and splashes of chrome give it an upmarket feel.

The cumulative effect of this is to make the Scout visually impressive with a ready-for-anything attitude.

The interior is similarly no-nonsense with a simple layout featuring all mod cons such as climate control and satellite navigation.

Creature comforts such as alcatara and leather upholstery featuring Scout logos are included, as are tinted rear windows.

The likes of 17-inch alloys and lane departure warning systems also make a welcome appearance on the standard issue list with optional extras including front and rear parking sensors at £350, heated front seats at £250 and an advanced connectivity system which includes wi-fi and a full colour trip computer display costing £1,050.

There's plenty of room to get comfortable front and back while luggage space starts at 590 litres with all the seats in use expanding to 1,580 when the rear ones are folded.

Driven by the less powerful of the 2.0-litre diesel engines available - there's also a 184ps version - the car I drove was nevertheless no slouch with 62mph hit from a standing start in a shade over nine seconds on the way to a top speed of 129mph with the help of a slick six-speed manual gearbox.

In the battle with the all-conquering crossovers the Scout does inflict substantial damage when it comes to running costs as it boasts a fuel economy figure of 58.9mpg and emissions of 125g/km.

In the real world the Scout was getting about 50 to the gallon which is pretty good for what is a big motor boasting a 1.8-tonne towing capacity.

It all adds up to a family-friendly package that is well kitted out and able to handle the mud when required.

#### **FAST FACTS**

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## TIPS FOR DRIVING WITH FAMILY PETS BY: STEWART SMITH



MANY of us take to the road with our pets and if we are lucky enough might even have a place for them at our desks. But much as we love them, now and again our furry friends can pose a few challenges when we're driving. Here are some tips for those driving with pets from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards Richard Gladman. First of all try not to feed your pet right before you leave or when you're on the road, but do keep a supply of their favourite biscuits or treats so you can stay in control.. Keep your pets out of the front seat and off your lap. You never know when your pet might react to something they think is interesting outside the car. Ideally dogs should be behind a guard or correctly strapped in in the back seat. Cats or smaller creatures should be in an appropriately secured carrier. Leaving your pet alone in the car, no matter what the temperature might feel like outside, is a big no. Try to take along familiar toys and bedding to provide a relaxed setting. Don't change up the menu! A sudden switch in your pet's food before the journey can upset them (and their stomach!). Take water and a bowl with you to keep your favourite companion well hydrated and take frequent stops for exercise and calls of nature. Keep a supply of poo bags in the car just in case. Don't let your pet stick its head out of the window. Dog's eyes were never designed to travel at 60mph! Follow these guidelines and all onboard should be fine.

#### **MATING DEER WARNING TO DRIVERS**

BY: STEWART SMITH

ROAD safety organisation GEM Motoring Assist is advising drivers to take extra care in areas where deer are common, as their breeding season gets underway.

The coming weeks mean deer are more mobile than usual, bringing them onto roads and increasing the risk of collisions. The human death toll from deer collisions ranges between 10 and 20 annually, and industry estimates put the cost of damage to vehicles alone to be at least £17 million. Estimates indicate that up to 75,000 deer are killed each year in road collisions

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth says: "We encourage drivers to be extra observant, especially as the mornings and evenings get darker. Be ready to take appropriate avoiding action if you come across a deer on the road ahead.



"Periods of highest deer activity tend to occur at dawn and dusk, coinciding with the morning and evening rush hour, increasing collision risks in areas where

Experts believe the UK deer population numbers more than two million, and research from the RSPCA shows around 75,000 deer are involved in vehicle collisions each year, with 10,000 killed instantly.

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#### **RECORD NUMBERS TAKE ROUTE 66 BY: STEWART SMITH**

THE UK new car market remained steady in September, rising 1.6 per cent, according to the latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

In total 469,696 cars were registered, as buyers purchased the new 66-plate. The performance marks the highest figures for September on record, while the total number of cars registered so far this year also grew to 2,150,495 units - up 2.6 per cent compared with the same period last year.

It is only the second time that the two million mark has been passed in September since 2004.

Biggest seller was the Ford Focus with 19.769 sales followed by the Vauxhall Corsa at 14,570.

Fleet registrations continued to drive growth, up 7.3 per cent, while registrations to private motorists experienced a small decline, down -1.7 per cent to 223,844 units in the month. Meanwhile, diesel registrations rose 2.8 per cent as petrol's declined -1.1 per

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# A mixed bag for Lightning



Roaring success: MK Lightning take on Telford Tigers.

Picture by Tony Sargent

#### **KICKBOXING**

## Kelly is ready for her latest bout at the 02

KICKBOXER Kelly Haynes will fight for the English title on Saturday as she takes on Mina Lamoure at the Indigo 02 in London.

The fight, for the ISKA English title in the 52KG category, will take place as part of the Muay Thai Grand Prix 6, which also features a number of world title contests, at the smaller venue inside the 02 Arena.

Haynes fought at the last Muay Thai event, beating

decision at the 02 in June. and will now return to the venue to battle with Lamoure for the currently vacant title. The 32-year-old fighter,

who trains at the Total Dojo gym in Bletchley, is ready for the contest and hopes to make the city proud, with 130 of her supporters travelling to the capital. "I've trained hard

throughout my fight

training and can't wait to get back in the ring," she

"I'm prepared for the battle I have ahead, I never underestimate my opponents and I love the fight industry and respect fighters have for one

"I believe this fight is going to be the most exciting fight to date and I hope to bring the win home to MK and make my supporters proud."

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The membership fee is £35 as well as £25 per month. It's also £3 per session for beginners. What do I do next? Email bobby.white@olvcats.

#### BY CIARAN THOMAS

IT WAS a weekend of contrasting fortunes for MK Lightning, as they dramatically beat Telford Tigers on Saturday to go top of the English Premier League, only to fall to a heavy defeat at Hull Pirates 24 hours later.

Saturday's top of the table clash at MK Arena was a thrilling encounter, the two sides going into the tie level on points, and it fin-ished 3-3 in normal time, before Leigh Jamieson's goal seconds from the end of overtime secured the points. The win took Lighting a point clear at the top, but it was a different story 24 hours later, as a disappointing display saw MK fall to a 5-1 defeat in Humberside, with Telford winning to return top.

Lightning were without influential Mikolaj Lopuski, while Ed Knaggs was also on Great Britain U20 duty, but they U20 duty, but they overcame their absence in

Saturday's thriller. The first period was scoreless but a Lightning sin binning right at the end of the period was crucial

Telford took advantage to open the scoring a minute into the second period, but Lightning soon hit back through to Milan Baranyk. Lighting took the lead on

35 minutes, Blaz Emersic put Lewis Hook away on the left hand side and his sharp shot flew in, and they went into the final period with a powerplay.

They couldn't benefit

however, and instead Telford levelled through Macauley Heywood, only for Bobby Chamberlain to profit from confusion around the visitors' net to restore Lightning's lead.

The Tigers kept fighting and forced overtime with three minutes remaining as Michal Satek scored.

That took the game into overtime, and it looked like even the extra period wouldn't separate the sides but with just seconds left. Jamieson slotted home.

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#### **ATHLETICS**

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club's Tom Comerford finished 34th in the Great Eastern Half Marathon in Peterborough. In the Oxford half-marathon the club's Victoria Kirschner-Heaven finished in the top quarter finishers while Russell Jones was 71st in the annual Ridgway run in Tring.

#### NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town beat Kirby Muxloe 3-0 in the United Counties Premier Division. Olney Town won 6-5 on penalties in the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup against Loughton Manor. Unite MK won 3-1 against Long Crendon while New Bradwell Saint Peter beat Pond Park Rangers 5-2. MK Gallacticos lost 2-1 at Pitstone & Ivinghoe while in Spartan South Midlands League Division Two. Old Bradwell United beat Clean Slate 5-1.

#### **HOCKEY**

MILTON Keynes Hockey Club's men's firsts lost 2-1 to Oxford Hawks in the South Hockey League Premier One. The club's women lost to Whitney 6-0.

#### **RUGBY UNION**

OLNEY RFC suffered back to back defeats in Midlands 2 East (South) as they lost 49-15 at home to Peterborough, who scored 26 points in the final 12 minutes. In Southern Counties North Milton Kevnes lost 38-15 to High Wycombe and Bletchley lost 51-10 to Aylesbury.



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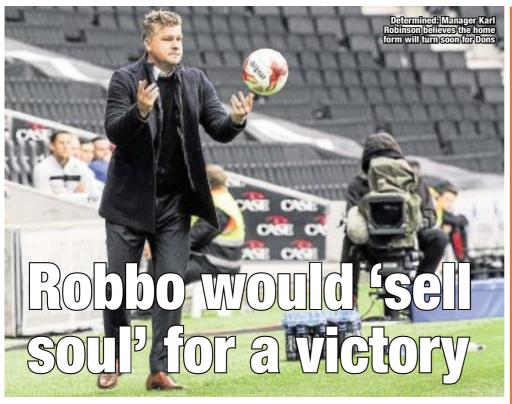
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**Kelly kicks for English title** 



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#### BY CIARAN THOMAS

KARL Robinson said he would 'sell his soul' to get a win and end MK Dons' stadiummk winless streak but is confident his team will be earning 'lots of

plaudits' sooner rather than later.

Dons' 1-0 loss to Port Vale extended the now seven month wait for a home win, and Robinson admitted it was a crucial spell for his side with Saturday's trip to leaders Scunthorpe followed by two home games in four days against

Bristol Rovers and Southend.
While struggling on home soil, Dons have won their last two away games, and the boss said if they can replicate that at stadiummk, the debate about the home form would end

"I'll sell my soul to anybody to get a result," he said.

"It's been a real difficult time, for me, the fans and the players but all I can say is the players' motivation and determination to put this right is far greater than ever.

"It's a big week, it's a big seven days, after [Scunthorpe] we get the chance to have two home games on the spin, and that'll be nice to see if we can do

something, get six points it's forgotten. "I think it's building with momentum, performances are certainly there,

let's not lose those qualities and let's keep our front foot going forward. "Next two away games are tough, Scunthorpe and Sheffield United, but we'll accept the challenge, we'll walk the gauntlet as we always do and we'll take the criticism and the praise.

"There's going to be a lot of praise coming to this club very shortly, lots of plaudits, lots of taps on the back and we have to be gracious when they come along."

come along."

Dons are currently 12th in League One, but are only three points outside the play-offs, and Robinson retains belief that his side can be promoted.

'We still believe in ourselves, there's a long way, three quarters of the season to go in league games and I think this year is going to be very close.

"The last two home games, two of the top five came here and it could have been four or five the other way, it wasn't to be but when you look at that it gives us tremendous belief to go and achieve something.

## Max closes the door to gain another podium in Japan



Celebrating: Max Verstappen celebrates another podium

MAX Verstappen held off Lewis Hamilton to claim second in Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix, securing a podium finish for Tilbrook based Red Bull Racing for the third successive race.

Nico Rosberg took a dominant victory at Suzuka, but Verstappen, who started third on the grid, took advantage of Hamilton's poor getaway and was able to maintain second throughout the race. Team-mate Daniel Ricciardo, who won the previous race in Malaysia, started fourth but lost ground having to go round Hamilton in front of him at the start, and eventually

finished sixth behind the two Ferraris.

It was Verstappen's sixth visit to the podium in 2016, but it wasn't without controversy as Hamilton and Mercedes complained about the young Belgium's defensive tactics late in the race.

Mercedes initially put in an official complaint to the race stewards, only to later withdraw it.

Verstappen said: "I knew he was going to catch me, into the last chicane I saw him coming in my mirrors so I defended my position, this allowed me to hang on for the second place."





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